

ity, is a party to a suit, and under this chapter any function of such department, agency, or officer is transferred to the Secretary or any other official, then such suit shall be continued with the Secretary or other official, as the case may be, substituted.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VIII, §705, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 606.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 95-91, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 565, known as the Department of Energy Organization Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7101 of this title and Tables.

#### § 7296. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, neither the remainder of this chapter nor the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VII, §706, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 607.)

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#### § 7297. Cross references

With respect to any functions transferred by this chapter and exercised after October 1, 1977, reference in any other Federal law to any department, commission, or agency or any officer or office the functions of which are so transferred shall be deemed to refer to the Secretary, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or other official or component of the Department in which this chapter vests such functions.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VII, §707, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 607.)

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#### § 7298. Presidential authority

Except as provided in subchapter IV, nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to limit, curtail, abolish, or terminate any function of, or authority available to, the President which he had immediately before October 1, 1977;

or to limit, curtail, abolish, or terminate his authority to delegate, redelegate, or terminate any delegation of functions.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VII, §708, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 607.)

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#### § 7299. Transition

With the consent of the appropriate department or agency head concerned, the Secretary is authorized to utilize the services of such officers, employees, and other personnel of the departments and agencies from which functions have been transferred to the Secretary for such period of time as may reasonably be needed to facilitate the orderly transfer of functions under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VII, §711, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 609.)

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#### § 7300. Report to Congress; effect on personnel

The Civil Service Commission shall, as soon as practicable but not later than one year after October 1, 1977, prepare and transmit to the Congress a report on the effects on employees of the reorganization under this chapter which shall include—

- (1) an identification of any position within the Department or elsewhere in the executive branch, which it considers unnecessary due to consolidation of functions under this chapter;
- (2) a statement of the number of employees entitled to pay savings by reason of the reorganization under this chapter;
- (3) a statement of the number of employees who are voluntarily or involuntarily separated by reason of such reorganization;
- (4) an estimate of the personnel costs associated with such reorganization;
- (5) the effects of such reorganization on labor management relations; and
- (6) such legislative and administrative recommendations for improvements in personnel management within the Department as the Commission considers necessary.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title VII, §712, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 609.)